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SUBJECT: LATVIA WANTS TO BE COVERED UNDER IRAQ SOFA,  
RESPONSE NEEDED BY DECEMBER

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(C) In response to reftel, the Latvian MOD has confirmed that they want to be covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) for the Multi-National Forces in Iraq (MNF) under negotiation between the USG and GOI. The MOD would like the SOFA in place by the beginning of December, 2008, when the Latvian Parliament will vote on renewing the mandate for the Latvian contingent in the MNF.

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